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BETHESDA, MD, January 6, 2003 — The new year will see Australia receive its third Mobitex wireless packet data network as the Ambulance Service of New South Wales will begin the rollout of a private operation in early 2003. The New South Wales system is the fifth Mobitex network to be contracted for worldwide in about 18 months.

The Ambulance Service of New South Wales' Mobitex network, which is expected to be completed by early fall this year, initially will consist of 35 base stations to cover its fleet of 380 ambulances operating in Sydney and in regional areas of New South Wales.

The Service will use a wireless data solution developed by Technisyst Computing of Brisbane to quickly determine the closest available ambulance to an emergency, dispatch it to the scene, and provide details of the incident and the patient's condition. The solution will give the Service the flexibility to add in the future such capabilities as wireless access to e-mail, databases and patient medical history.

Australia already boasts another private Mobitex network operated by the Queensland Ambulance Service and a public service provided by ADT Wireless. ADT Wireless will manage network operations for the Ambulance Service of New South Wales.

"Mobitex continues to thrive and expand around the world amidst the hype and promise of next generation cellular technologies," said Jack Barse, Executive Director of the Mobitex Operators Association. "In about the last year and a half alone, wireless companies have contracted for two new public Mobitex networks each in China and Brazil, and we continue to see significant interest from prospective operators from every corner of the globe. Clearly, Mobitex is a force in the world of wireless data."

Public safety organizations from around the world have selected Mobitex for their critical data communications needs due in large part to the technology's performance at consistently high levels during crisis situations. Mobitex also is the wireless data technology of choice of the Queensland Ambulance Service in Australia and has helped it improve its response times to life threatening "Code 1" cases for the past three years. With Mobitex, the Queensland Ambulance Service also has exceeded the national benchmark set for responding to Code 1 calls.

"Mobitex is a proven worldwide wireless standard whose only reason for being is data," said Anders Baaz, General Manager for Mobitex at Ericsson, which developed the technology. "That means that a customer's data is not competing with voice traffic and facing the risk of being delayed in transmission or lost altogether. That is a huge advantage in the life-and-death world of public safety."

Mobitex is a leading international open standard for dedicated wireless data with more than 30 public and private networks providing coverage in 24 countries worldwide. Mobitex is an all-digital, packet-switched radio technology that provides for a single integrated network that is cellular in design with distributed intelligence. It provides an always-on, highly secure environment, the highest levels of reliability, fast data delivery in seconds, the longest battery life in the wireless industry, true push functionality and extensive, seamless coverage.

The Mobitex Operators Association (MOA), headquartered in Bethesda, MD USA, is the worldwide trade and business development organization for Mobitex wireless data network operators, hardware manufacturers and customers. MOA is dedicated to expanding the global reach of Mobitex, developing and maintaining international standards for Mobitex, and promoting the continued development of applications, service, solutions and devices for Mobitex networks around the world. For more information on MOA, please visit our Web site at www.mobitex.org.

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